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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Applicant: Donald J. Merkley et al.

Application Number: 09/970,389

Filing Date: October 2, 2001

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
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CELLULOSE FIBERS FOR
MANUFACTURE OF FIBER
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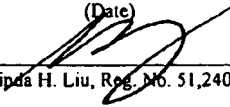
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(X) Previously submitted:

(X) Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on November 10, 2004.

(X) Return Postcard

2. Fees:

(X) RCE fee (\$395 small entity/\$790 large entity)

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3. Payment:

- (X) Check in the amount of \$790 to cover the above fees.
- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and § 1.17 which may be required, now or in the future, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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